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TEN CENTS A WEEK

"CUT-TO-THE-QUICK" POLICY SIDETRACKED

Indications Are That Cost of Running Government Under Taft Will be Greatest Ever.

(By Tav.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The much-heralded Taft policy of "cut-to-the-quick" economy has already been sidetracked. Every indication is that the cost of running the Government under President Taft will be greater than under Roosevelt, when the national expenses reached a higher peak than at any time in the history of the nation.
The deficit for the first six months of the present fiscal year amounts to over \$28,000,000, and arrangements are being made to issue a bond issue of \$100,000,000 to replenish the treasury, the work of which new positions in all the departments is going steadily on. New ships are being created by the navy, and they are all for men friendly to the Taft-Aldrich-Cannon wing of the party in power. There are not enough men for the insurgents.
A careful examination of the appropriations asked for in the various departments for 1910 fails to reveal any revision. The party leadership apparently do not agree with the notion that it is good politics to cut. Political machines thrive under a policy of liberal appropriations. Figures show that even Taft's cabinet officers failed to understand the meaning of his announced policy of "cut-to-the-quick."
There are some of the latest estimates and increases asked by Mr. Secretary of the Interior: One additional assistant attorney, at \$2,500, an increase; returns office clerk, \$400; nine skilled laborers, at \$720 each; contingent expenses, increase asked, \$10,000; rent of building, additional for civil service commission, \$5,500.
Patent Office—Increase of one principal examiner, \$2,700; increase of five first assistant examiners, at \$2,400; increase of second assistant examiners, at \$2,100; increase of ten third assistant examiners, at \$1,800 each.
A search through the army appropriation bill, as prepared by the "cut-to-the-quick" economists who are acting under the immediate direction of the President, fails to reveal a single item suggestive of the advertised retrenchment. On the very first page \$40,000 is charged to "contingencies." Last year the amount was but \$15,000. It was expected that the signal service would be cut, but not so. The amount asked is \$250,000, the same as last year. In the hospital corps the enormous sum of \$943,168 was appropriated last year. The bill as prepared this year carries \$1,056,672; increase, \$113,504. In the medicinal department the appropriation last year was \$1,300,000; this year it is \$1,490,500.
Eight years ago, in 1902, the aggregate appropriation for the support of the Government was \$690,667,188; last year, \$1,044,014,298. Indications are that a new record for extravagance will be established this year, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Man Who Captured Engine "General" Passes Away

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 29.—Anthony Murphy, aged 80, a pioneer citizen of Georgia, and one of the two men who captured and captured the famous "General" when the latter was seized and carried off from Georgia, Ga., by Federal raiders during the Civil War, died here yesterday.
Murphy was born in Ireland and came to this country when 20 years of age. He became one of the conductors of the Western and Atlantic railroad, but when the war broke out, he joined the Confederate service, and used his skill in mechanics and was promoted by Governor Brown, father of the present Governor, to assemble the Federal soldiers.

His Wife That He Loves "The Other Lady"

ATLANTA, Dec. 29.—Charles G. Murphy, a well-known traveling salesman, who has left his wife and family and gone off to parts unknown, with another woman, a woman whom he is said to love devotedly, has been a leader in the

Atlanta Psychological Society and it is said, here, he met his "affinity." She is said to have persuaded him to take a course of study at her expense with a view of going on the lecture platform. She is said to be wealthy. Besides his wife, Shearer has two sons, one of them 22 and the other 16 years old.

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WALDO NEWS NOTES.

WALDO, Dec. 29.—Mrs. C. B. Farrell, a former resident here, now of Live Oak, is visiting friends for a few days. Many friends were glad to greet her again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan of Starke spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Branning.

J. R. Wilkerson, after doing a mercantile business here for a good many years, is selling out at cost to close the business. The credit business and sharp competition now may be given as the cause.

The laying of concrete sidewalks has improved our streets very much.

Mrs. Park of Ohio is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Winter, for some time. Her many old friends are glad to see her, as she lived here a good many years.

The Baptists, the Methodists and the Episcopalians had Christmas trees which honored the occasion, bringing delight to old and young.

Charley Benbo and Will Jones, two young negroes, fell out about a gambling debt of twenty-five cents and shot each other, with the result that Benbo died and Jones is not expected to live.

The Methodist church has been elaborately decorated and prepared for the marriage of Miss Daisy Hicks and Mr. Willoughby Tillis on Wednesday afternoon. This is a notable occasion. Rev. T. L. Z. Barr will perform the ceremony.

Rev. D. L. Branning is laid up with a chronic ailment with no immediate prospect of recovery.

The number of visitors coming and going during the holidays is too large to enumerate them.

NEGRO WAS FOUND DEAD.

LAKE BUTLER, Dec. 29.—Jasper Hunt, a respected negro of this place, was found dead in his bed late Monday night by other inmates of the house, and the suspicion is that he was poisoned. He was left in good health earlier in the night by other negroes, who were going to a negro festival, but found dead upon their return. Justice of the Peace Cobb held an inquest over the body, but the jury have withheld their verdict pending a reply from the State Chemist at Jacksonville, who has been sent some of the contents of the dead man's stomach for analysis. Dr. King made a thorough examination of the body, and it is the general opinion that the negro was poisoned by some enemy, though no clues have been unearthed as yet. The authorities are working on the case.

OLD MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

LAUREL HILL, Fla., Dec. 29.—Jonathan Nichols, an aged white man, employed as fireman at a sawmill here, started a fire in the furnace at a late hour Monday night, and being cold, fell asleep in front of the fire. When he awoke his clothes were aflame, and before the flames could be extinguished he had been burned so badly that he died shortly afterward.

"Texas" was impressed. For fifty-one miles the race continued to Ringgold, Ga., where the "General" was captured, as the men in charge attempted to burn a bridge. Several of the Federal officers were summarily executed. But the plan of the Union forces to cut the Confederate communication was defeated.

Although the engines were of a crude type, most of the race was made at the rate of sixty miles an hour. Murphy was the engineer, and Jeff Cain, the train engineer, and Capt. Fuller the conductor, fired for him.

The war left Murphy penniless, but he set to work again cheerfully, and when he died had amassed a fortune of half a million dollars in the sawmill and lumber business.

If you want a cook try a want ad.

WRECK OF BIG SCHOONER HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

Crew of Twelve Men Lost Their Lives---Ohio River Is Frozen Over.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—The discovery yesterday of the wreck of the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer which sank with twelve men Sunday morning at the entrance of Broad sound, was followed by the report of another wreck in the outer harbor. This second victim of the great storm which swept New England Saturday night and Sunday was reported by Capt. Kemp of the tug Ariel, who asserts that he saw three masts of a schooner projecting above the water near the shoals known as the "graves."

Although Capt. Kemp locates the vessel three miles west of the wreck of the Palmer, some marine authorities think that he may have been mistaken in his bearings and that he saw the Palmer's masts. Seafaring men who believe that the tug boat captain is not in error about his bearings are discussing the possibility of a collision between the Palmer and the unknown schooner.

Probably the last person to see the Palmer before she sank was Capt. Bookam of the barge Hopatcong, which docked at Lynn yesterday from Hoboken. He reported the Palmer off Cape Cod last Christmas afternoon. At that time the Palmer's sailors were on deck singing and celebrating the holiday in true sea fashion, all unknowing of the fate that awaited them within a few hours at the entrance of their home port.

Monday's toll of wrecks was increased yesterday. The schooner Ada K. Damon, the sole support of her aged master, Capt. A. K. Brewster of York, Me., went ashore near Epawich. She will probably be a total loss. Her crew managed to reach shore safely.

In Chelsea, where a tidal wave broke a dyke and flooded the homes of 2,000 people, a high tide yesterday opened two new breaks. Many of the cellars on higher ground which had been pumped out by fire engines were again flooded. It will be weeks before the people in the eighty acres which are under water every high tide will be able to return to their homes.

The wreck of the Davis Palmer lies just outside of Devil's Back buoy

north of Commissioners' ledge at the entrance to Broad Sound, Boston harbor. The big vessel lies submerged, but the mast heads project from the water. It is thought that the Palmer touched a shoal spot early Sunday morning, the seas during the terrific storm sweeping the decks clear and carrying the crew of twelve men to their death.

The Palmer was bound from Newport News for this city with a cargo of coal. The vessel lies in the channel and is a dangerous menace to other vessels. The loss of the Palmer became known Monday when the wreckage bearing her name was found on Hull Beach.

OHIO RIVER BECOMES LONG RIBBON OF ICE.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—With tons upon tons of ice piled high against the piers of bridges spanning the Ohio river here and at points below Pittsburgh, river traffic has been entirely abandoned and river men are preparing to cope with one of the worst ice packs ever experienced in the local harbor.

An estimated 10,000,000 bushels of coal has been diverted from its usual river transportation to Southern points and cars are being asked for from all railroads by coal operators, who realize that it may be weeks before the packet owners can again take up the work of transporting the coal fleets down the Ohio. At Pittsburgh river navigation ceased Christmas Day.

At Wheeling, W. Va., river men report danger to craft in that harbor. Precautions have been taken to avoid loss of property along the water front where many packets and empty coal fleets lie tied up.

From Wheeling to New Martinsville, W. Va., 35 miles, a solid sheet of ice marks the course of the Ohio river. Weather conditions at all points do not indicate any marked change, and it is the prediction of river men that the present severe conditions will prevail for at least a week, if not for weeks.

Brokaw Defines What Constitutes Drinking Man

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—W. Gould Brokaw had a bad day of it on the stand at Mineola, L. I., yesterday. He had previously testified of his attitude of fairness toward his wife, who is suing for separation with alimony of \$40,000 a year; but under skillful cross-examination by her lawyer, he was forced to admit that he had accused her in a letter to his mother-in-law of loving another man, or drinking too much port wine and smoking cigarettes. He also admitted that his secretary, Byford, had assisted him in breaking down the door of his wife's bedroom on one occasion.

Brokaw was in an irritable mood and forgetful of details. The pretty plaintiff, however, was in as light humor as her husband's was dark.

It became known yesterday that Mrs. Frank J. Gould, Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Horace White, of Syracuse, and other friends of Mrs. Brokaw, had offered to appear as witnesses in her behalf, but counsel for Mrs. Brokaw said that he considered

his client's case sufficiently strong, and declined the offer. These friends were nearly all members of a house party to which Brokaw had strongly objected, and it is said they are willing to give their version of the affair.

Brokaw gave this definition of a drinking man. He has testified before that he does not drink.

"Can you recall any time when you were, in what has been called, the 'trivially exalted state'?" asked Mrs. Brokaw's lawyer.

"I cannot," replied the witness.

"When do you think a man qualifies as a drinking man?" was asked.

"Well," said Brokaw, "I would not call anyone a 'drinking man' who takes less than seven or eight drinks a day."

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